

Public Information Meeting



Fort Atkinson
to
Johnson Creek

Jefferson County
Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Southwest Region – Madison Office



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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Project I.D. 1390-04-01
Jefferson Bypass
STH 26
Jefferson County

Project I.D. 1390-04-05
Jefferson – Johnson Creek
STH 26
Jefferson County

Wednesday, October 26, 2005 from 5 to 9 p.m.
Jefferson High School
Performing Arts Center
700 West Milwaukee Street
Jefferson, Wisconsin

Welcome to the public information meeting concerning the proposed Highway 26 project in Jefferson County. We appreciate your attendance and interest in this project. The meeting will be held in an open-house format with a presentation at 7:30 p.m.

This handout and the exhibits on display were prepared to help familiarize you with project details. We encourage you to view the exhibits. Please feel free to ask questions or make comments to the staff from the Department of Transportation or Earth Tech, Inc., the engineering consultant hired by the Department on this project.

A "comment form" is attached to this handout for your convenience, and may be returned to the registration table or returned by mail as noted on the form. We ask that all comments be returned by Friday, November 18, 2005.

PRESENTATION AGENDA

7:30 p.m.

Introductions Mark Birrenkott, Earth Tech
Programming.....Mark Vesperman, Department of Transportation
Planning and Environmental Background.....Jim Oeth, Earth Tech
Design Mark Birrenkott, Earth Tech
Public Involvement Kimberly Johnson, Kjohnson Engineers
Questions and Answers.....All

PROJECT SUMMARY

The proposed project for the Highway 26 Jefferson bypass and the portion of Highway 26 between the bypass and Johnson Creek will be discussed at today's meeting.

This project was part of the 48 mile corridor study of Highway 26 in Rock, Jefferson and Dodge Counties. The Federal Highway Administration recently approved the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which completes the planning and environmental phase of the corridor study. The Final EIS is available for viewing on the Department of Transportation's web site at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/wis26/feis.htm. A map showing the preferred alternative for the Central Segment is also available at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/wis26/docs/exhibit08centrala.pdf.

The project, which is the first section to begin design, will start at the north interchange of the Fort Atkinson bypass. Between Fort Atkinson and Jefferson, the new four-lane roadway will be located just west of the Union Pacific Railroad. Once past the airport, the route heads off on a near west bypass of Jefferson, crossing Highway 18 about 1,100 feet west of the Crawfish River and rejoining existing Highway 26 north of Jefferson near Junction Road. Between Jefferson and Johnson Creek, the additional two lanes will be constructed along existing Highway 26.

Design. As part of the preliminary design efforts, there will be several areas studied in detail and the project may differ from the current plan that is shown in the Final EIS. These areas will be studied to determine if refinements can be made that could be more cost-effective or have fewer impacts or address issues that have been raised since the current plan was proposed. One of the areas which will be discussed is between West Junction Road and Jefferson Road north of Jefferson. There are two options which will be presented for comment today and are shown on the exhibits.

Access. During the planning and environmental phase of the corridor study, determining the number of and controlling the location of intersecting side roads and driveways was a key component. For the portion of this project between Fort Atkinson and the north side of Jefferson, access to Highway 26 will only be permitted at the north Fort Atkinson bypass interchange, the south Jefferson bypass interchange, Highway 18, and at the north Jefferson bypass

interchange. The side roads will be connected either over or under Highway 26 with a bridge, as shown on the exhibits today.

Between the north Jefferson bypass interchange and Highway Y, access to Highway 26 will be permitted at selected side roads and a limited number of driveways. These are also shown on the exhibits today.

Real Estate Acquisition. Wisconsin law defines how the Department acquires property necessary for improvement projects. The pamphlet "Real Estate Acquisition Process" explains this procedure, and is available today.

Public Involvement. The Department strongly encourages continual information exchange with the public throughout the development of this project. Specifically, any information people have concerning drainage patterns, archeological or historical resources, or hazardous materials or contaminated soils is appreciated.

Upcoming Activities. Over the next year a number of activities will take place in the field. Surveys will be done, soil borings will be taken and hazardous materials investigations will be underway. Before entering private property, staff will make reasonable attempts to notify the property owners.

Proposed Time Schedule.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ACTIVITY							
Preliminary Design and Right of Way Plat							
Real Estate Acquisition and Relocations							
Final Design and Construction Plans							
Construction							
Open to Traffic							
Public Information Meetings							

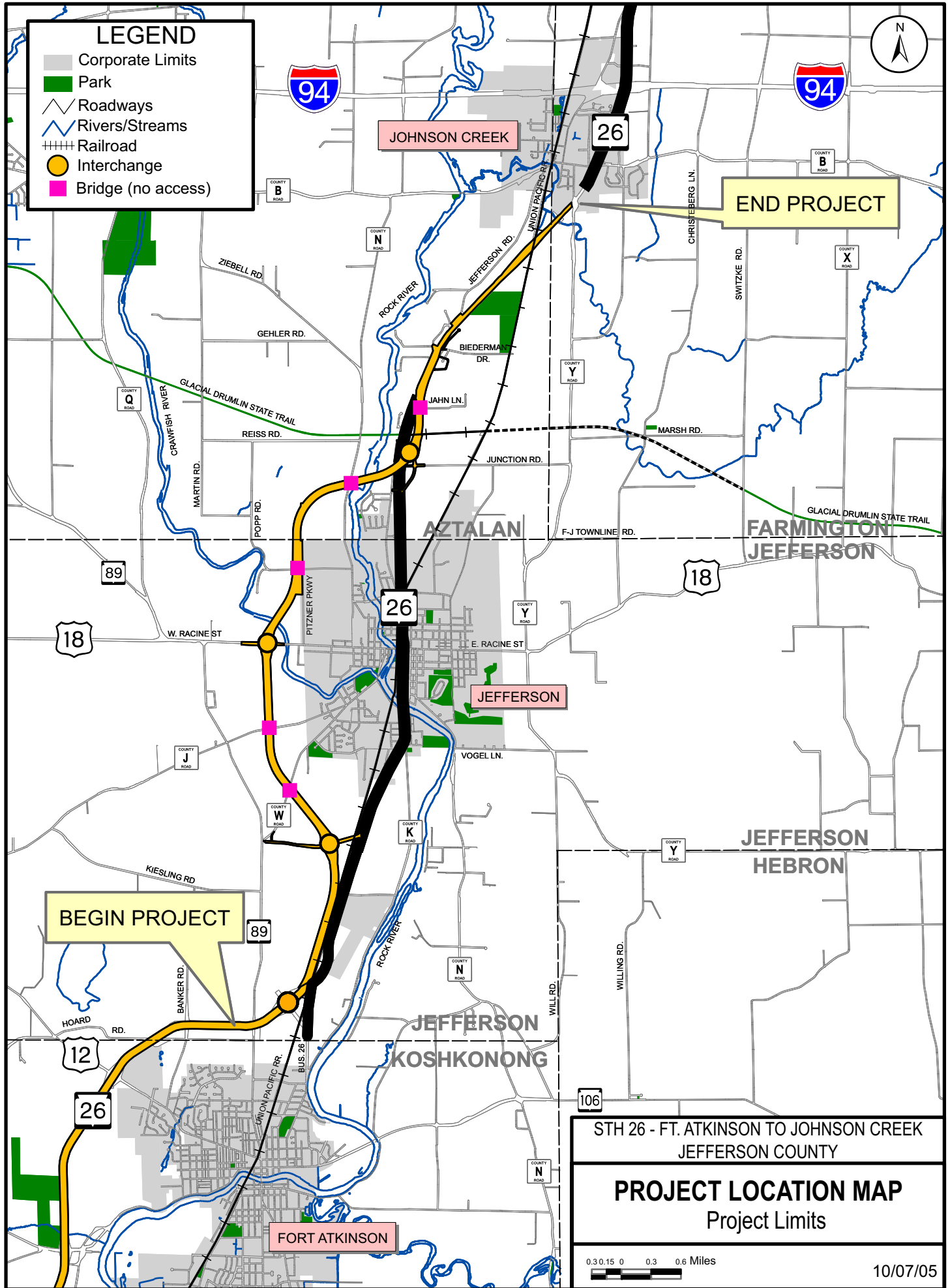
PROJECT CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this handout or presented here today, please contact one of the individuals listed below. If you would like your name added to the mailing list, please contact Mark Birrenkott at the address below.

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January 2006)



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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please tell us what municipality you live in (i.e. city of Jefferson, town of Aztalan, village of Johnson Creek, etc.): _____

Please tell us what municipality you work in (if applicable): _____

Phone Number: _____

Comments: _____

Please use additional sheets, if necessary.

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